

Application No. 09/823,767  
Applicant: Y. Shibazaki  
Reply to Office Action of 06/07/04

**Remarks**

This is in response to the office action of June 7, 2004. Claims 1, 2, 4 to 35, and 37 to 44 are pending. In the previous office action, claims 30-35, and 39-44 were allowed, and claims 3-22, 26, 28, and 36-38 were objected to but noted as allowable (of the objected claims, claims 3 and 36 are now being cancelled). Claims 1, 2, 23-25, 27, and 29 were rejected. Reexamination and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 1 and 29 are amended to include limitations of claims 3 and 36 respectively, which claims were indicated by the examiner as being allowable. Claims 4-7, 28, 30, 31, 37 and 39 have been amended for clarification and modification.

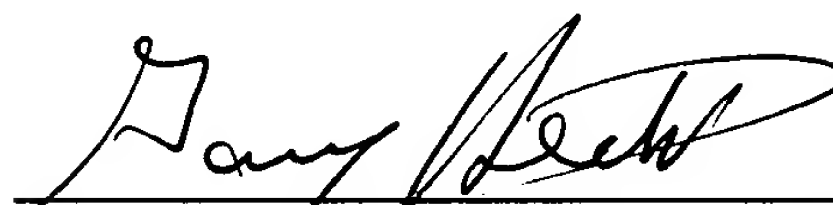
Bacich (U.S. Pat. No. 4,733,945) and Watson (U.S. Pat. No. 6,239,924), cited in the obviousness rejection, neither disclose nor suggest a measuring device as recited in claims 1 and 29. Therefore, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, allowance of claims 1, 2, 4 to 35, and 37 to 44 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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